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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on August 22, 2005, two codefendants in a methamphetamine manufacturing and distribution conspiracy centered in White and Gallatin Counties were sentenced in United States District Court for their respective roles in that conspiracy. **MICHAEL SHAWN BOREN**, age 24, of Carmi, Illinois, was sentenced to a term of 20 years imprisonment and 10 years of supervised release to follow his incarceration. **DANA REBECCA BLAIR**, age 28, of Shawneetown, Illinois, was sentenced to a term of 108 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release to follow her incarceration. The indictment, which was returned by a Federal Grand Jury in January, charged that these defendants were involved in a conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine that existed from January 1998 to the present. Both had previously pled guilty to the charges.

Under Federal law, parole has been abolished and defendants are required to serve at least 85 percent of their sentences.

Codefendants **TONY D. WATTS**, age 53, of Carmi, **CHRISTOPHER J. HEATH**, age 28, of Ridgeway, **EUGENIA K. HORTON**, age 39, of Shawneetown, **DOUGLAS W. COLLINS**, age 40, of Stonefort, **SEAN L. LOGSDON**, age 34, of Old Shawneetown, **ANGELA R. STANELLE**, age 27, of Shawneetown, **BILLY TOMMY SANDERS**, age 43, of Shawneetown, **CHRISTOPHER W. WILLIAMS**, age 28, of Equality, **WESLEY ALLEN KINGSTON**, age 38, of Harrisburg, **JOHN WILLIAM BOOTEN**, age 32, of Equality, **THERESA CYNTHIA BACK**, age 19, of Old Shawneetown, and **MICHAEL J. PFISTER**, age 26, of Norris City, have also each pled guilty to the conspiracy charges. Sentencings for each of these defendant have been set in the future

Information for the indictment was obtained through the cooperative efforts of the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force, the Illinois State Police, the White County State's Attorney's Office, the White County Sheriff's Department, the Carmi Police Department, the Shawneetown Police Department, the Gallatin County State's Attorney's Office, the Gallatin County Sheriff's Department, the Saline County State's Attorney's Office, the Saline County Sheriff's Department, the Posey County, Indiana, Narcotics Task Force, the United States Attorney's Office, and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James M. Cutchin.